IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Inventors: David K. Swanson

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Title: SURGICAL METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR MAINTAINING CONTACT BETWEEN TISSUE AND ELECTROPHYSIOLOGY ELEMENTS AND CONFIRMING WHETHER A THERAPEUTIC

LESION HAS BEEN FORMED

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AMENDMENT AND REPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Commissioner:

Applicant respectfully requests entry of this Amendment and Response to the final Office Action mailed on January 9, 2007, which is believed to place the application in condition for allowance.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2. Remarks begin on page 8.